

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Atty. Docket No. 2999.004000K

Applicant/Patent Owner: Michael E. MCCLURKEN

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Titled: Electrosurgical Device Having A Tissue Reduction SensorSalient Surgical Technologies, Inc., a corporation
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in;
2. an assignee of less than the entire right, title, and interest in
(The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is _____ %); or
3. the assignee of an undivided interest in the entirety of (a complete assignment from one of the joint inventors was made) the patent application/patent identified above, by virtue of either:

A. An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or for which a copy therefore is attached.

OR

B. A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as follows:

1. From: MCCLURKEN To: TissueLink Medical, Inc.

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2. From: TissueLink Medical, Inc. To: Salient Surgical Technologies, Inc.

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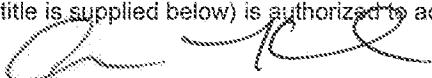
Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet(s).

As required by 37 CFR 3.73(b)(1)(i), the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was, or concurrently is being, submitted for recordation pursuant to 37 CFR 3.11.

[NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., a true copy of the original assignment document(s)) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, to record the assignment in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.08]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Signature



Date

Printed or Typed Name

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Attorney for Applicant

Title

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Michael E. McClurken, residing at 26 Deer Meadow Road, Durham, New Hampshire 03824, made certain new and useful inventions and improvements for which I filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on March 8, 2001, application Serial No. 09/802,288 which is entitled ELECTROSURGICAL DEVICE HAVING A TISSUE REDUCTION SENSOR.

AND WHEREAS, TissueLink Medical, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, and having an office and place of business at One Washington Center, Suite 400, Dover, New Hampshire 03820 (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, improvements and application and in and to the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest for all countries in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed in the aforesaid application, and in and to the application, all divisions, continuations, or renewals thereof, all Letters Patent which may be granted therefrom, and all reissues or extensions of such patents, and in and to any and all applications which have been or shall be filed in any foreign countries for Letters Patent on the inventions and improvements, including an assignment of all rights under the provisions of the International Convention, and all Letters Patent of foreign countries which may be granted therefrom; and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States Letters Patent for the aforesaid inventions and improvements to the Assignee as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the use of the Assignee, its successors and assigns.

AND, for the consideration aforesaid, I do hereby agree that I and my executors and legal representatives will make, execute and deliver any and all other instruments in writing including any and all further application papers, affidavits, assignments and other documents, and will communicate to said Assignee, its successors and representatives all facts known to me relating to said improvements and the history thereof and will testify in all legal proceedings and generally do all things which may be necessary or desirable more effectually to secure to and vest in said Assignee, its successors or assigns the entire

right, title and interest in and to the improvements, inventions, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned and conveyed, or intended so to be.

AND, furthermore I covenant and agree with said Assignee, its successors and assigns, that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by me and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by me.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of

May, 2001.

Michael E. McClurken

Michael E. McClurken

STATE OF New Hampshire)
COUNTY OF Shelburne) ss.
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On this 30th day of May, 2001, before me personally appeared Michael E. McClurken to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Julie M. Aubrey
Notary Public

JULIE M. AUBREY, Notary Public
My Commission Expires October 8, 2002